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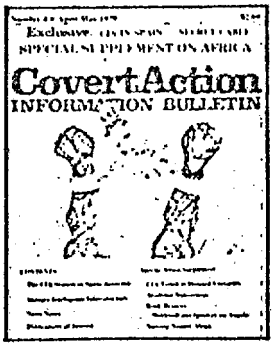

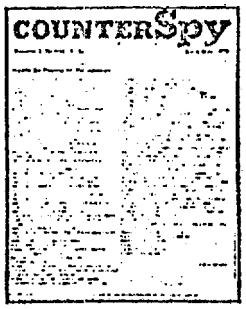

Anti-surveillance periodicals

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Recent revelations of FBI and CIA covert actions and intelligence gathering abuses have spurred many people to organize against government—and corporate—spying. The growth of this emerging movement is indicated by two developments: a national organizing conference against spying held in Ann Arbor last September attended by several hundred people and the proliferation of periodicals on the topic. Libraries and librarians can ill-afford to ignore this phenomenon; our commitment to an aware public and to research means that libraries should subscribe to at least one of the ten titles reviewed here. For current research I would recommend *Covert Action Information Bulletin*. The best bibliographic source is *First Principles*. And research libraries may want to consider *Public Eye* for background information on intelligence activities.

Covert Action Information Bulletin

1978. bi-m. $15. Covert Action Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 50272, Washington, D.C. 20004. Aud: Ac, Ga. (Issues examined: Nos. 1-3, 1978-1979)

Edited by Philip Agee in exile and others from the original *CounterSpy* editorial staff, this offset, saddle-stitched journal was inaugurated at the World Youth Festival in Havana last summer. Its premier issue contained Agee's introduction to his book *Dirty Work: the CIA in Western Europe* and an explanation that the journal would continue the exposés for which *CounterSpy* had become famous: "As a service to our readers, and to progressive people around the world, we will continue to expose high-ranking CIA officials wherever we find them." Its impact is seen in its third issue, the cover of which contains a copy of the

subscription. A recommended ad for those public and research lib already getting *CounterSpy*. O quire this one instead, because greater regularity.

CounterSpy

1973. irreg. $20. Counter-Spy, P.O. Box 647, Ben Franklin Sta., Washington, D.C. 20044. Aud: Ga, Ac. (Issues examined: Vol. 1—Vol. 3, 1973-1978)

The original anti-spying journal has reemerged after a hiatus of 18 months, with part of its staff having left to put out *Covert Action*. Under attack by the CIA, conservative Congressmen, and the established media as a consequence of the death of CIA station chief Richard Welch, *CounterSpy* has resurfaced in a less glamorous format (newsprint cover) and with publication frequency unknown, but vowing to continue its previous exposés of the CIA. Its December 1978 issue proclaims that it is "taking the struggle against the CIA and their ilk a step forward in the interest of potential victims of the CIA" by publishing the names of foreign nationals who underwent training programs linked to the CIA. Recommended.

Organizing Notes

1977. m. Free. Ed: Linda Lotz, Campaign To Stop Government Spying, 201 Massachusetts Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Aud: Ac, Ga. (Issues examined: Various, 1977-1978)

This offset, saddle-stitched newsletter of a broad-based national coalition organized against government, and corporate, spying, is an excellent resource for local organizers and researchers. Regular columns include a bibliography of articles, books or pamphlets, a news chronology, and an upcoming events calendar. Best source for the latest reports of anti-spying actions from across the country. Recommended for special

largest statewide coalition against spying, and recently it hosted a national conference on government spying. The coalition's newsletter, originally mimeographed, now is offset with attractive graphics. Focusing on, but not limited to, Michigan police and corporate spying, recent articles have presented original investigative research into the activities of the CIA, FBI, Michigan's state police and local Red Squads, and the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU). Recommended for Michigan libraries and research collections elsewhere.

Quit Snoopin'

1978. irreg. Free. Ed: Ken Lawrence, Mississippi Surveillance Project, American Friends Service Committee, 513 N. State St., Jackson Miss. 39201. Aud: Ac, Ga. (Issue examined: No. 1, May 1978)

This mimeographed newsletter of the Mississippi Surveillance Project contains hard-to-find material on the Ku Klux Klan as well as news items and a resource list. Recommended only for research collections or area libraries.

The Public Eye

1977. irreg. $8. Ed: Harvey Kahn, Repression Information Project, P.O. Box 3278, Washington, D.C. 20010. Aud: Ac, Ga. (Issues examined: Vol. 1, Nos. 1-2, Fall 1977 and April 1978)

Only a few issues of this journal have appeared, but the footnoted articles present background information on issues of concern to people organizing against political repression. This occasional output from the Repression Information Project attempts to "define, analyze, and expose repressive tenden-

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